

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Hideyuki HIRANO, et al.	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Serial No.: To Be Assigned	)	
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Filed: November 30, 2000	)	Examiner: To Be Assigned
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For: METHOD FOR FACILITATING	)	
LEGITIMATE USE OF DIGITAL	)	
CONTENT	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231*

*Sir:*

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

- Claim 4,** lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 6,** lines 1 and 2, change "either claim 4 or 5" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 7,** lines 1 and 2, change "claim 4 or 5" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 8,** lines 1 and 2, change "claim 4 or claim 5" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 9,** lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 1 to 8" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 12,** lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 9 to 11" to --claim 1--.
- Claim 13,** lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 9 to 12" to --claim 1--.

**REMARKS**

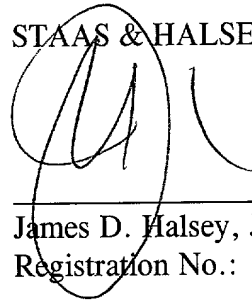
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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